

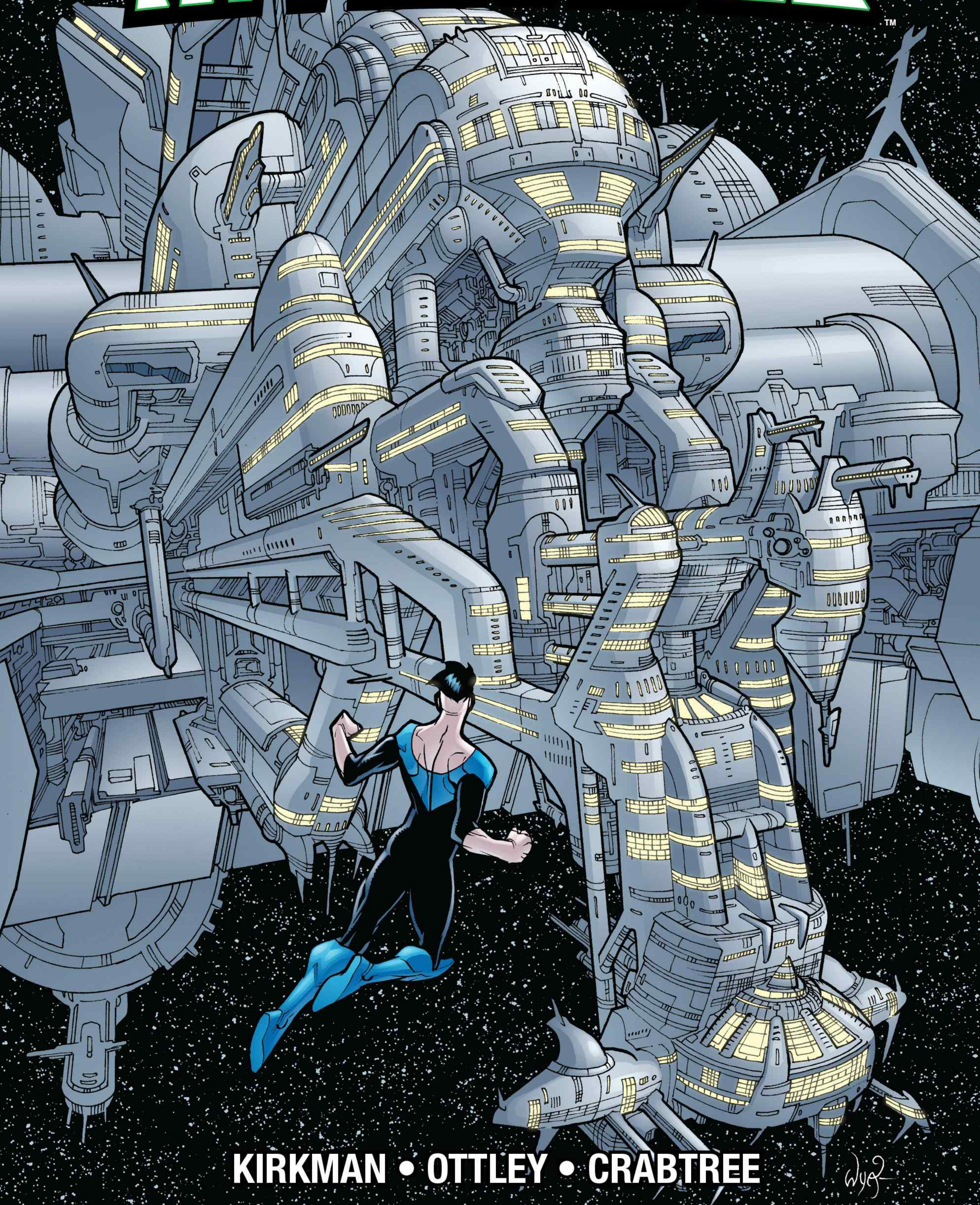
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I'M SORRY, GUYS...
I REALLY AM. I
HAVEN'T EXACTLY
BEEN HONEST
WITH YOU.

I DIDN'T GET
THESE POWERS
FROM UNAUTHORIZED
TESTING NASA
SUBJECTED ME TO.
I'VE ALWAYS HAD
THESE POWERS--
BECAUSE EVERYONE
ON MY PLANET
HAS THESE
POWERS.

I'M
FROM
MARS.

WHAT?!

I KNOW, I DID SOMETHING
TERRIBLE BY LYING TO YOU.
IF YOU WANT TO KICK ME
OFF THE TEAM--I'LL
UNDERSTAND.

THAT COMES LATER.
FOR NOW--WHAT DO YOU
KNOW ABOUT THIS SHIP
HEADED FOR EARTH?
ANYTHING?

ACTUALLY,
SIR... I THINK
I KNOW
EVERYTHING.



EVERY BOY ON MARS IS TOLD THIS STORY COUNTLESS TIMES SINCE BIRTH.

THEY WERE CALLED THE SEQUIPS. THEY CAME TO MARS CENTURIES AGO ON A DAMAGED VESSEL WHICH CRASH LANDED ON THE PLANET. THEY WERE HOSTILE.

THEY WAGED WAR WITH THE MARTIANS-- A BATTLE THAT RAGED FOR NEARLY A CENTURY. IT ENDED ONLY WHEN THE SEQUIPS' HOSTS DIED OF OLD AGE.

YOU SEE-- WE DIDN'T KNOW THIS BUT THE WARRIORS WHO FELL TO OUR PLANET WERE THE PARASITIC CREATURES ATTACHED TO THE HUMANOIDS-- NOT THE HUMANOIDS THEMSELVES.

THE SEQUIPS WERE A PARASITIC RACE--DEPENDENT ON A HOST OR HOSTS TO LINK THEIR *ONE-MIND*. WITHOUT A HOST THEY ARE NEARLY MINDLESS DRONES, ABLE TO PERFORM SIMPLE TASKS, BUT NOT CAPABLE OF INDEPENDENT THOUGHT.

THEY TRIED TO BOND WITH MARTIANS, BUT DUE TO OUR NATURAL SHAPE-SHIFTING CAPABILITIES--BONDING WITH US WAS IMPOSSIBLE.

WITH THEIR HOSTS DEAD--THE SEQUIPS WERE NOW MINDLESS, AND THE MARTIANS UTILIZED THEIR ENEMY--EVENTUALLY ESTABLISHING THEM AS A *SLAVE RACE* THAT ASSISTED MARTIANS IN DAY-TO-DAY ACTIVITIES.



THAT IS THE STORY
WE WERE TOLD.

NOT ALL OF US **BELIEVED**
IT. THERE WERE SOME AMONG
US WHO BELIEVED A DIFFERENT
STORY ENTIRELY. THERE WAS
AN UNDERGROUND MOVEMENT
THAT WANTED TO **FREE** THE
SEQUIDS. I WAS PART OF
THAT MOVEMENT.

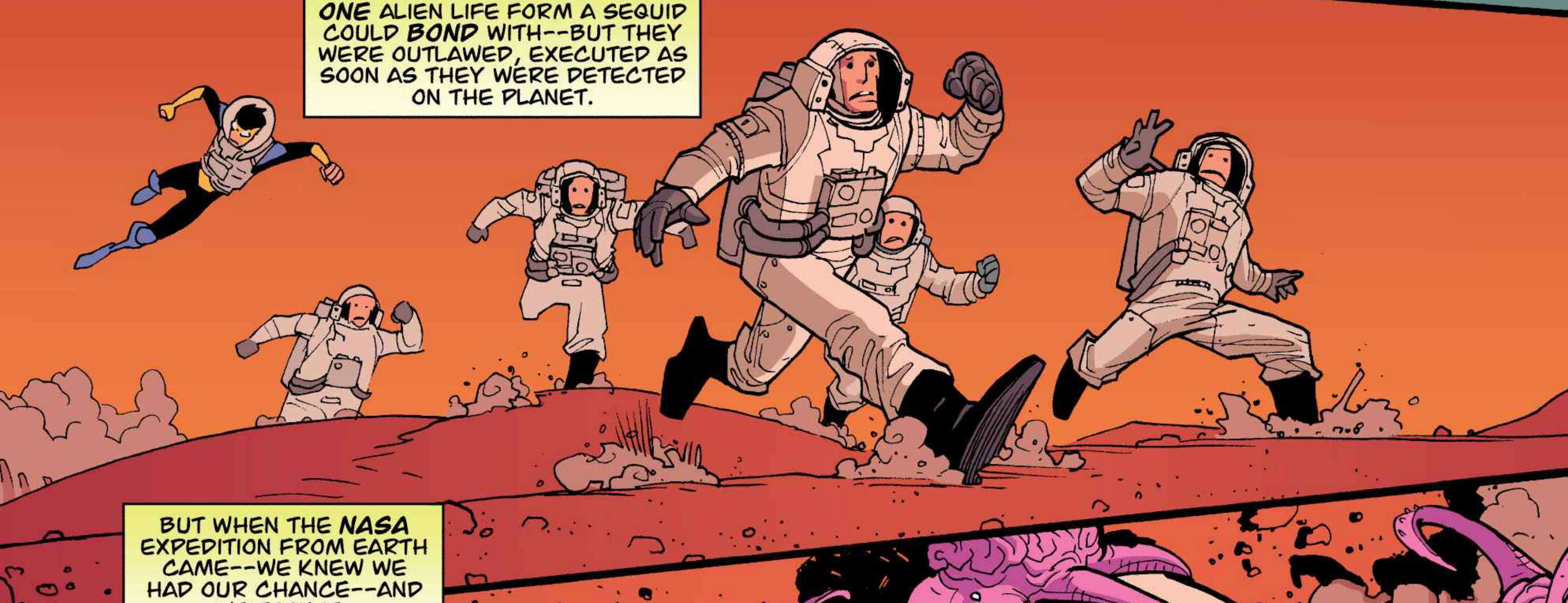
OVER THE YEARS THE
SEQUIDS HAD BEEN
BRED TO BE STRONGER,
ABLE TO DO MORE
WORK--AND TO WORK
MORE EFFICIENTLY.

THE SEQUIDS WERE
TESTED--EXPERIMENTED
ON--ALL IN AN EFFORT TO
MAKE BETTER **SLAVES**.



THE REBEL MOVEMENT
BELIEVED THAT THE STORY
OF OUR TRIUMPH OVER THE
VIOLENT SEQUID RACE WAS
A STORY TOLD TO **JUSTIFY**
OUR GOVERNMENT'S
HORRIBLE ACTIONS
AGAINST THE SEQUIDS.

ALL WE NEEDED WAS A SOLID--
ONE ALIEN LIFE FORM A SEQUID
COULD **BOND** WITH--BUT THEY
WERE OUTLAWED, EXECUTED AS
SOON AS THEY WERE DETECTED
ON THE PLANET.

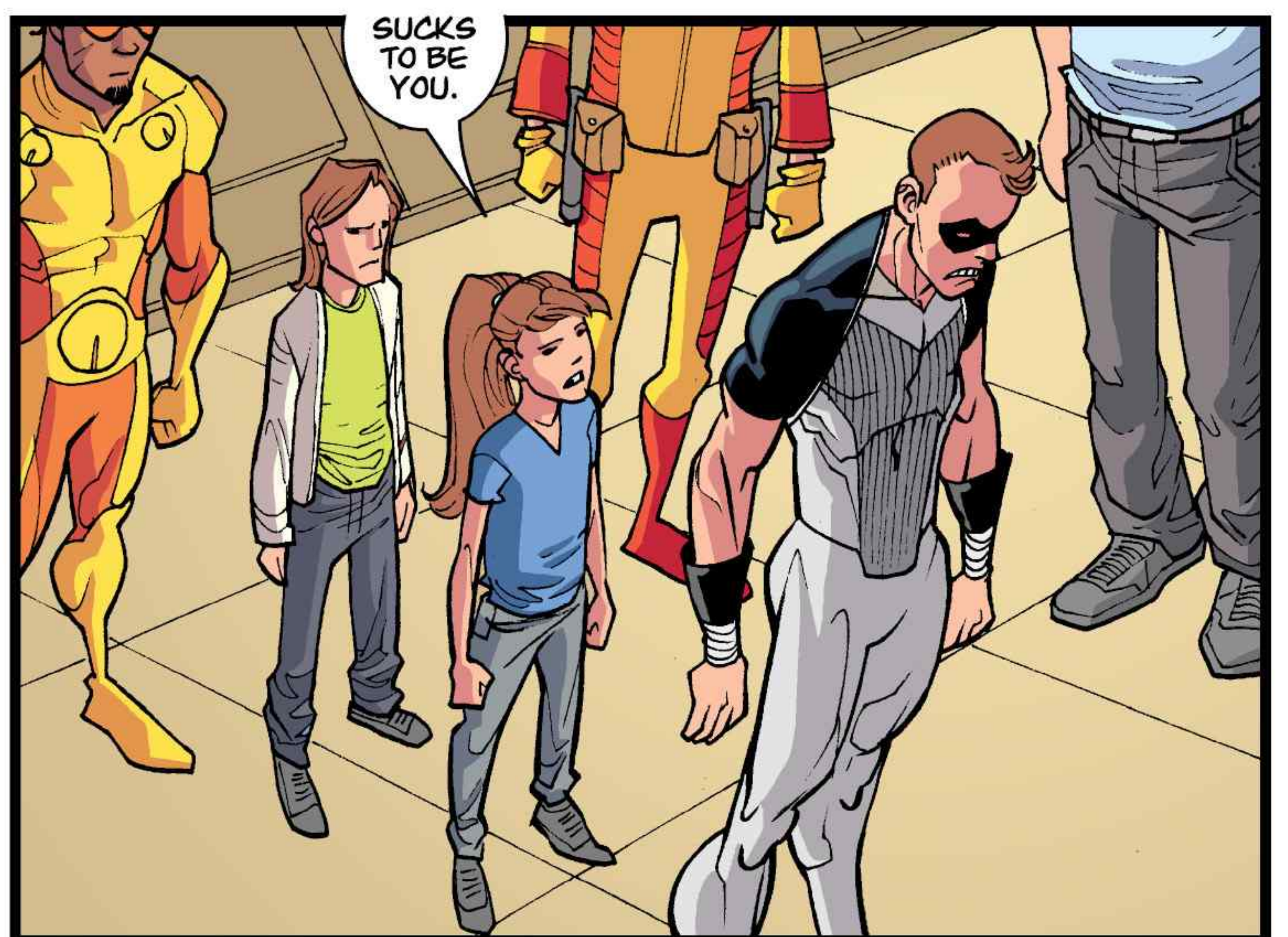
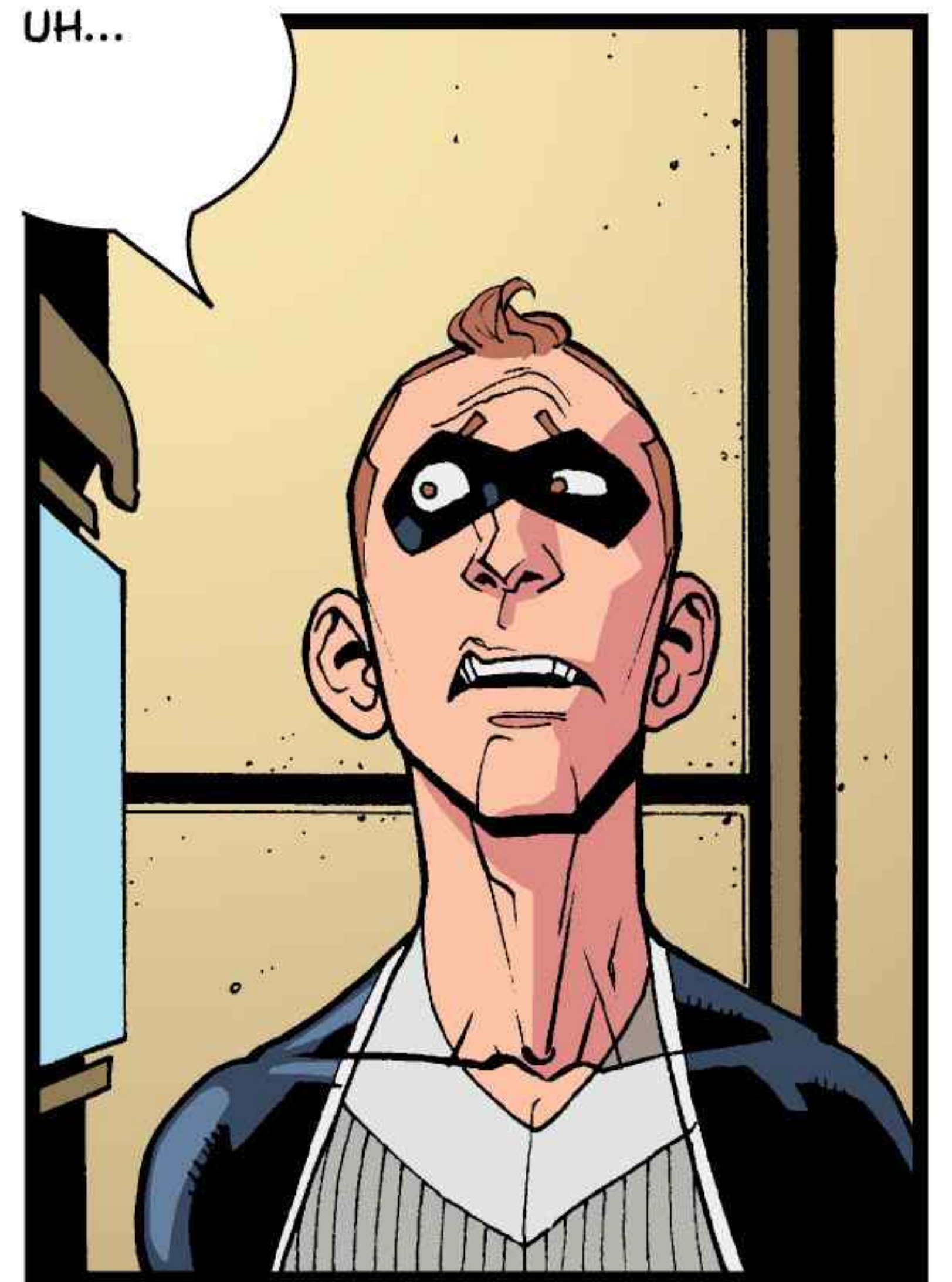


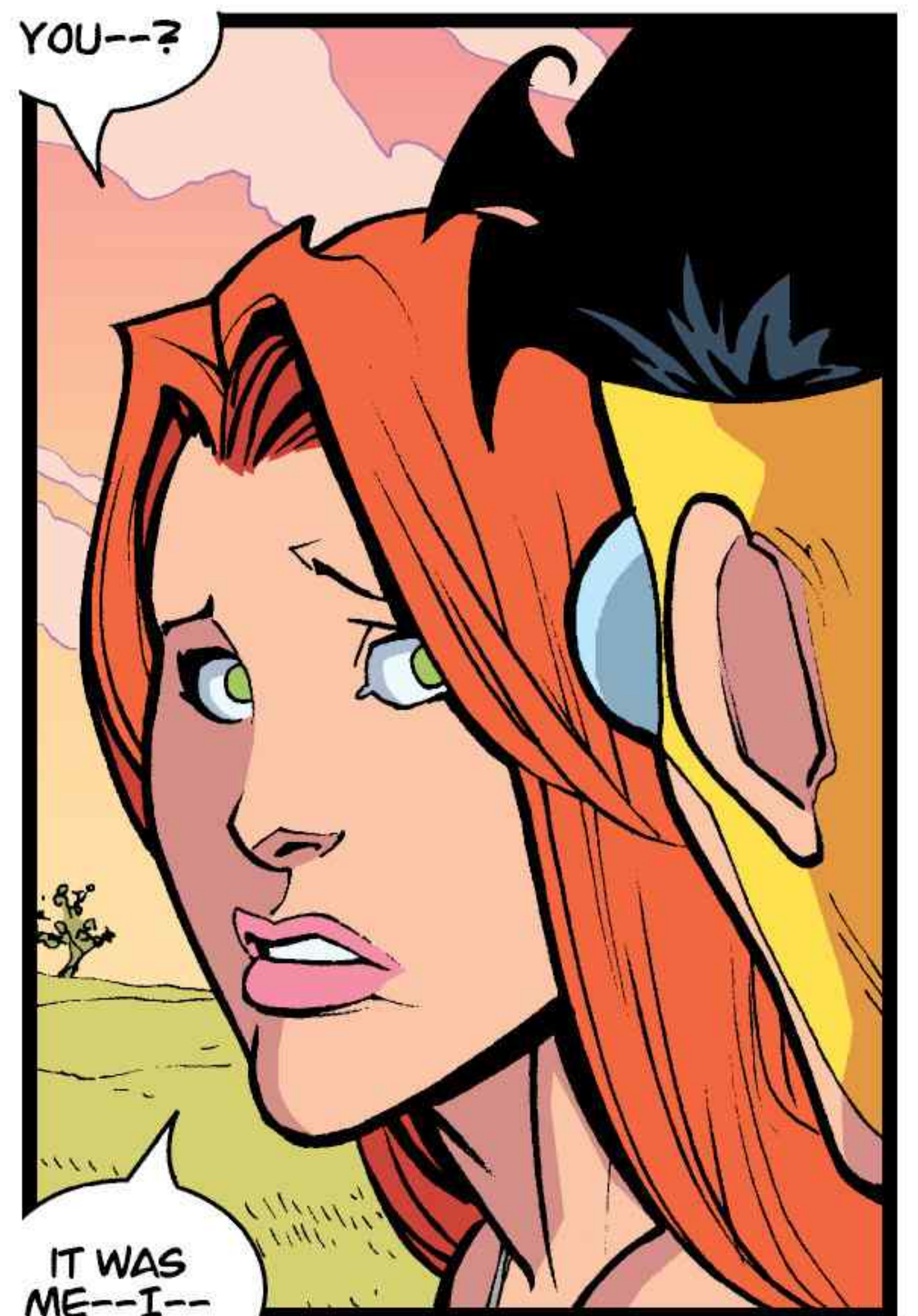
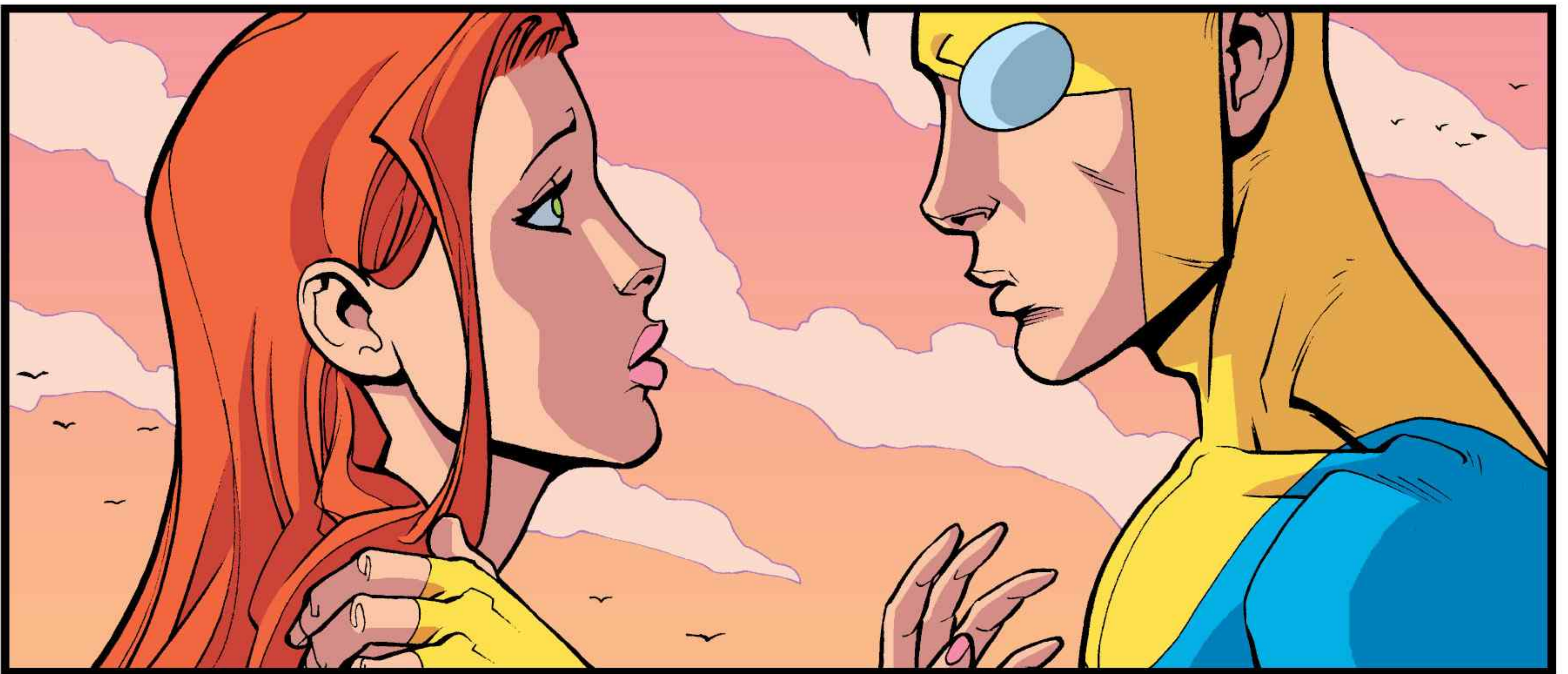
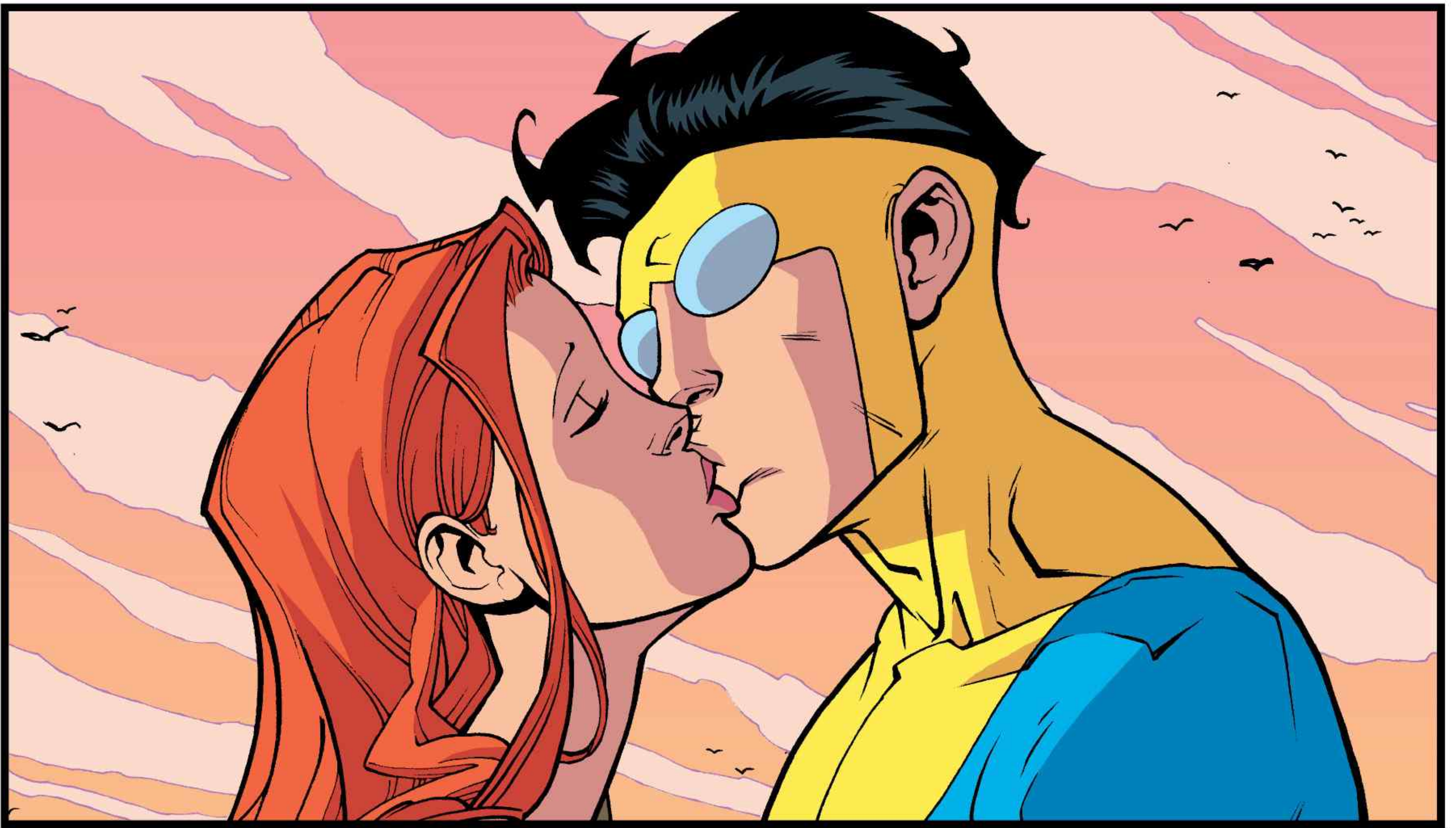
BUT WHEN THE NASA
EXPEDITION FROM EARTH
CAME--WE KNEW WE
HAD OUR CHANCE--AND
WE TOOK IT.

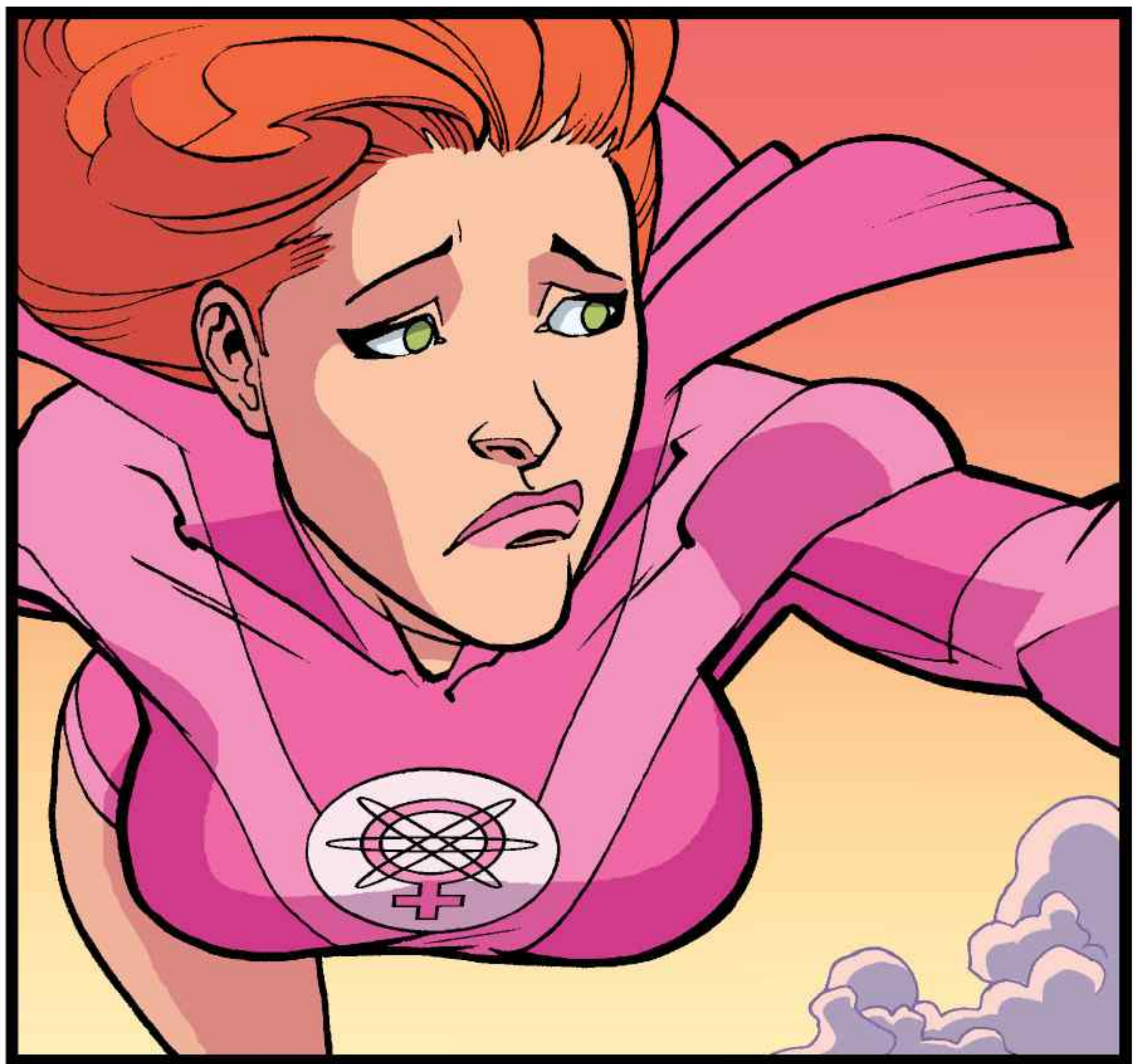
I WAS SENT TO
EARTH IN THE PLACE
OF ASTRONAUT **RUS**
LIVINGSTON--AND
HE WAS LEFT ON
MARS.



LEFT TO BE
TAKEN OVER BY
THE SEQUIDS.







AN UNDISCLOSED LOCATION IN UTAH.

THE SECRET MOUNTAIN BASE OF THE GUARDIANS OF THE GLOBE.

OKAY. WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO LOOK OVER THE INFORMATION **SHAPESMITH** HAS GIVEN US AND REVIEW THE INFORMATION **INVINCIBLE** GATHERED DURING HIS ENCOUNTER WITH THE MARTIANS AND THE SEQUIDS A FEW MONTHS BACK.

WE'VE GOT A **STRIKE TEAM** TO ASSEMBLE, PEOPLE. WE'RE GOING OUT INTO SPACE AND WE'RE GOING TO **STOP** THIS VESSEL BEFORE THEY BECOME A THREAT. BECAUSE IF THESE CREATURES REACH EARTH--

--IT'S ALL OVER.

I'VE ALREADY MADE MY CHOICES. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS MADE--MY DECISIONS ARE **FINAL**.

BECAUSE OF THE ABILITY OF THE **SEQUIDS** TO TAKE CONTROL OVER OUR BODIES-- ONLY THOSE WITH SKIN TOO **STRONG** FOR THEM TO BREAK THROUGH WILL BE GOING ALONG.

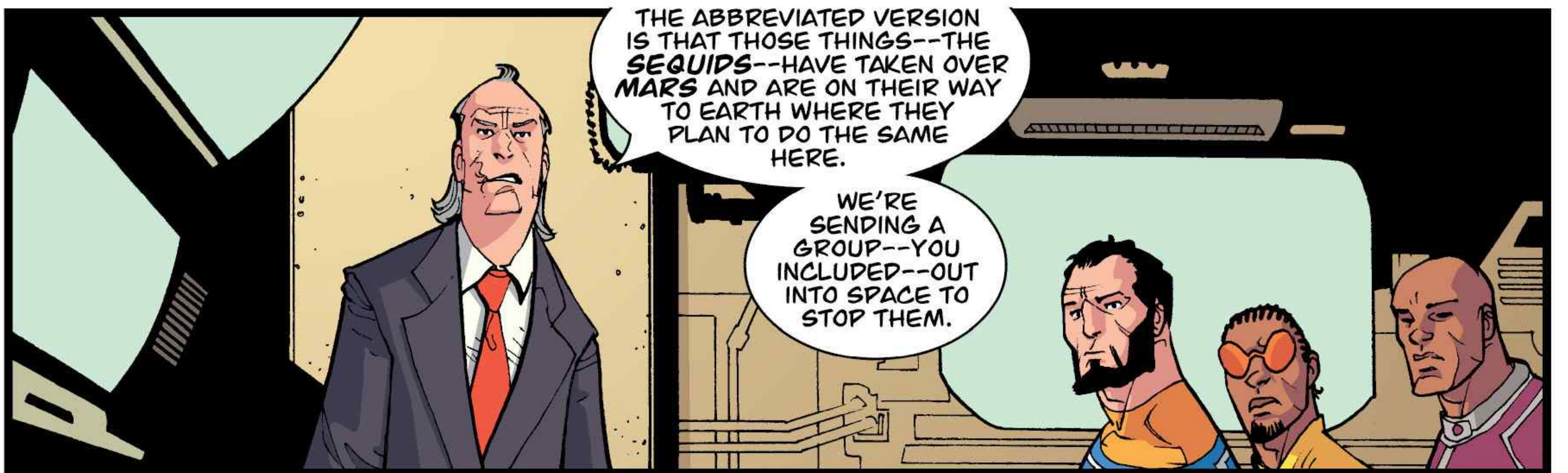
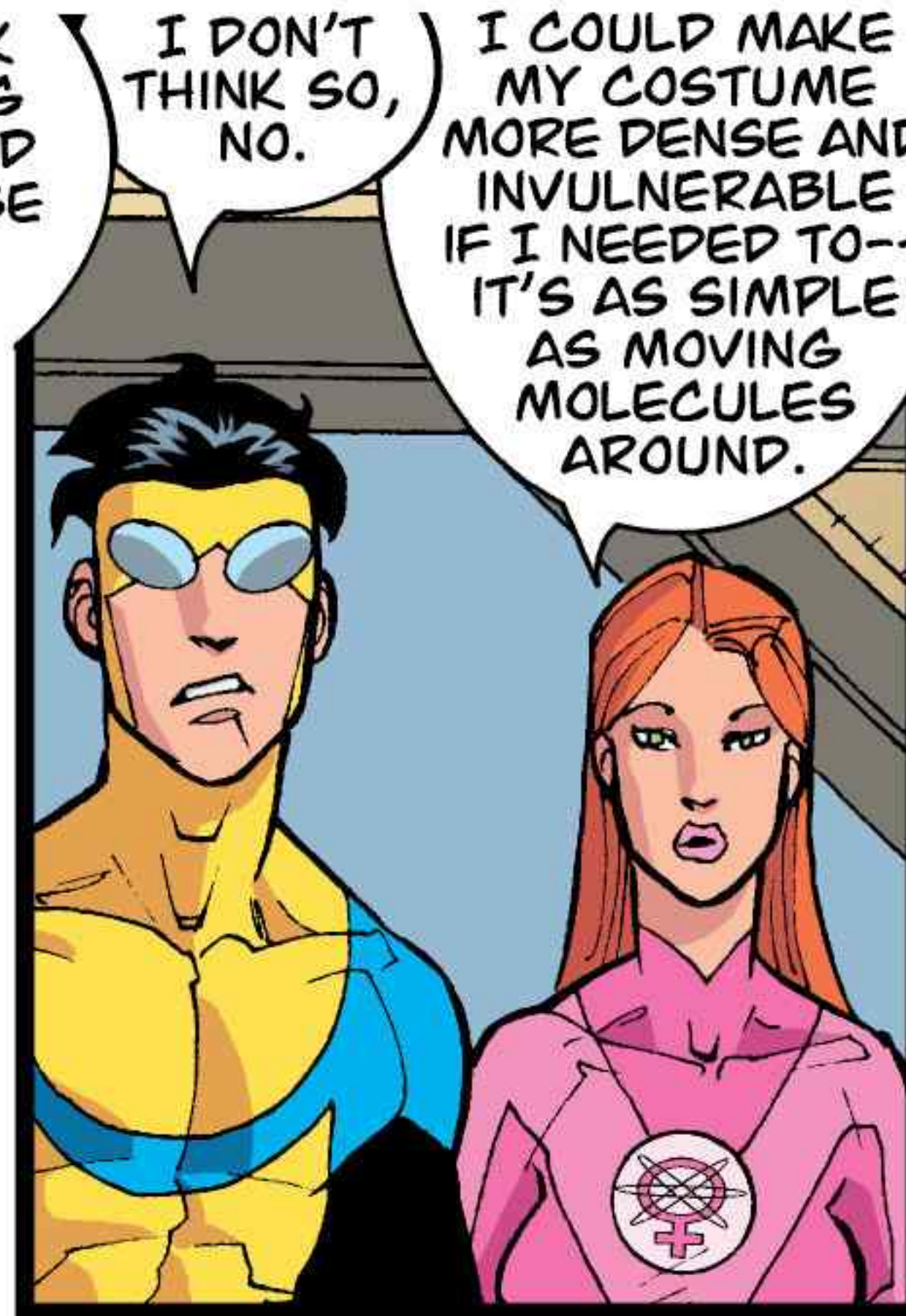
REX SPOLOE, **DUPLI-KATE** AND **SHRINKING RAY** WILL BE SITTING THIS ONE OUT.

SO THAT'S **ROBOT**, **MONSTER GIRL**, **THE IMMORTAL**, **BULLETPROOF** AND **BLACK SAMSON**.

I'LL HAVE TO STAY IN **MONSTER FORM** THE WHOLE TIME, I SUPPOSE.

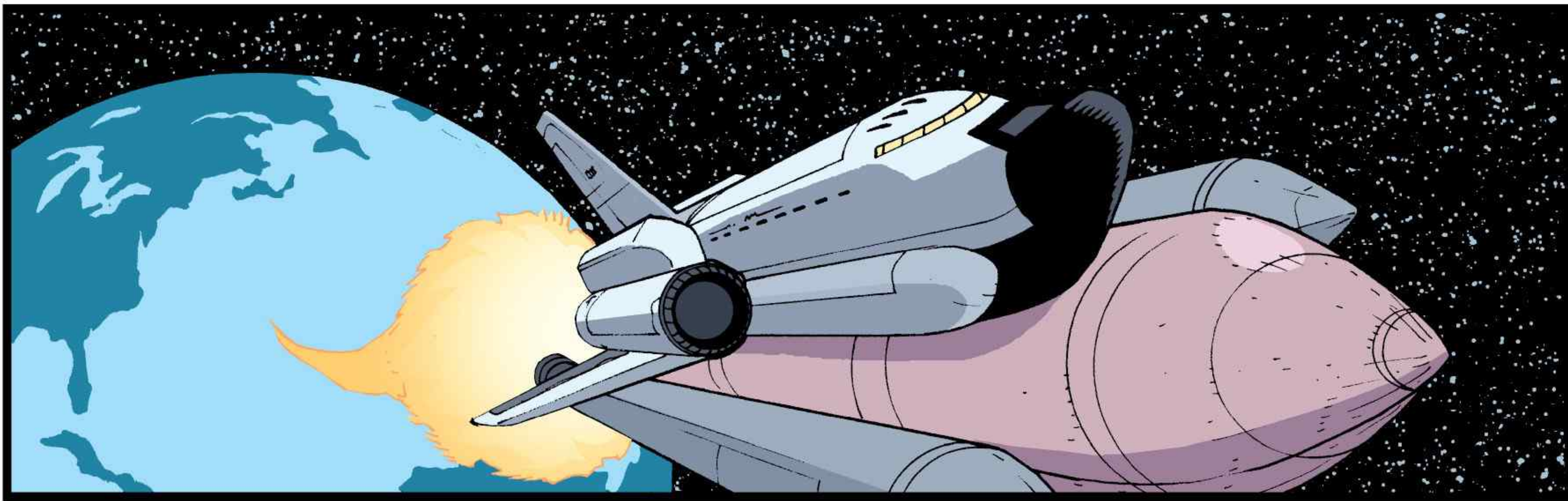
OH, **THIS STINKS**. I DON'T WANT TO BE AWAY FROM MY **HUSBAND** SO SOON AFTER OUR WEDDING.

SO THAT'S IT THEN--I'M JUST SIDELINED? THAT'S **GREAT**.

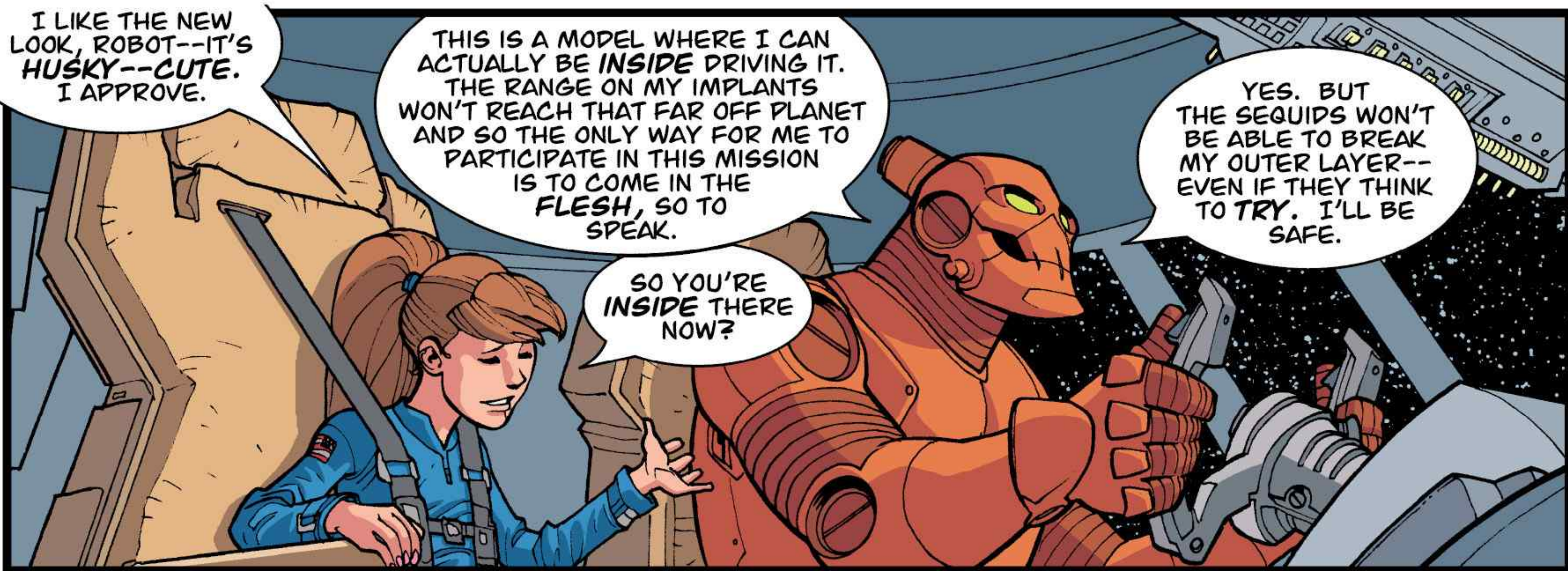


VOOOOSH!!!





THIS IS **MUCH**
COOLER BEING ON
THE **INSIDE**.



I LIKE THE NEW
LOOK, ROBOT--IT'S
HUSKY--CUTE.
I APPROVE.

THIS IS A MODEL WHERE I CAN
ACTUALLY BE **INSIDE** DRIVING IT.
THE RANGE ON MY IMPLANTS
WON'T REACH THAT FAR OFF PLANET
AND SO THE ONLY WAY FOR ME TO
PARTICIPATE IN THIS MISSION
IS TO COME IN THE
FLESH, SO TO
SPEAK.

SO YOU'RE
INSIDE THERE
NOW?

YES. BUT
THE SEQUIDS WON'T
BE ABLE TO BREAK
MY OUTER LAYER--
EVEN IF THEY THINK
TO TRY. I'LL BE
SAFE.



AMANDA, I DON'T
WANT YOU TO CALL
ME "**ROBOT**" ALL
THE TIME. MY
REAL NAME IS
RUDOLPH
CONNORS.

YOU CAN
CALL ME
RUDY.



"**RUDY?**"

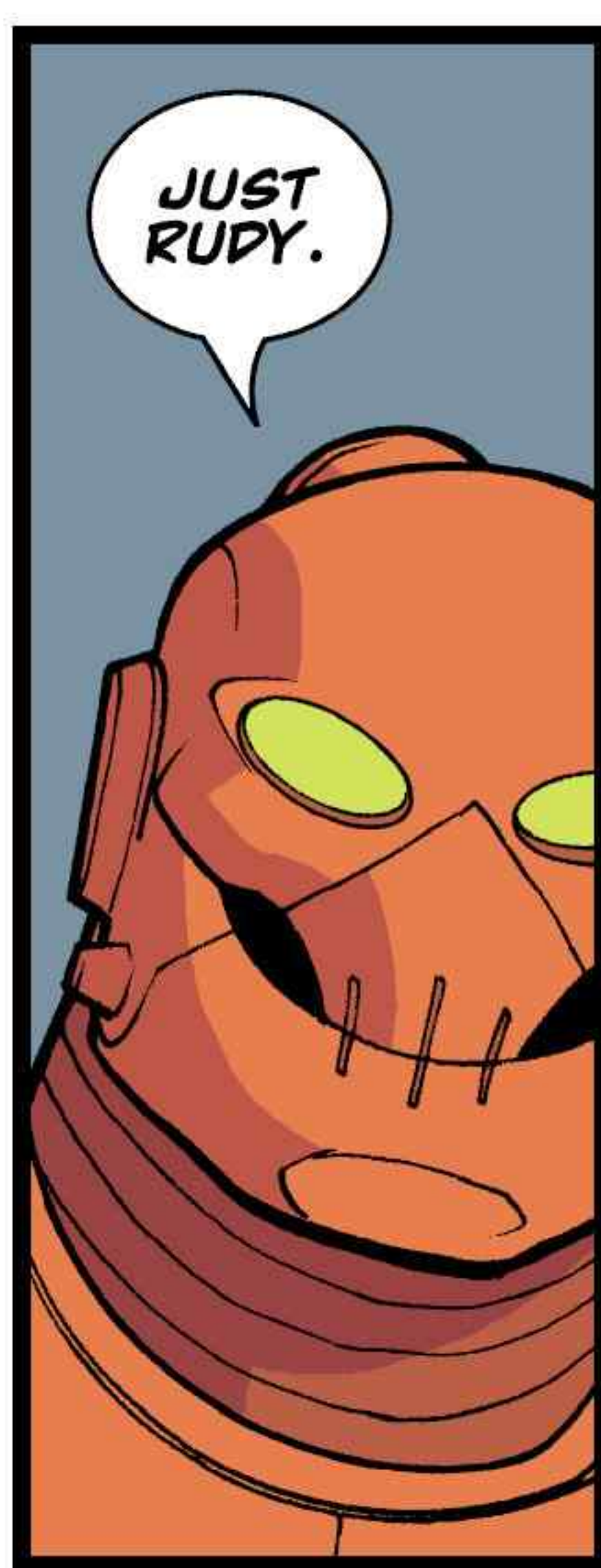


AFTER I BUILT
THIS CONSTRUCT--
AND DECIDED TO
LIVE THROUGH IT
FULL-TIME, I DIDN'T
HAVE A NEED FOR
A NAME. IT'S BEEN
YEARS SINCE I'VE
HEARD ANYONE
CALL ME
THAT.

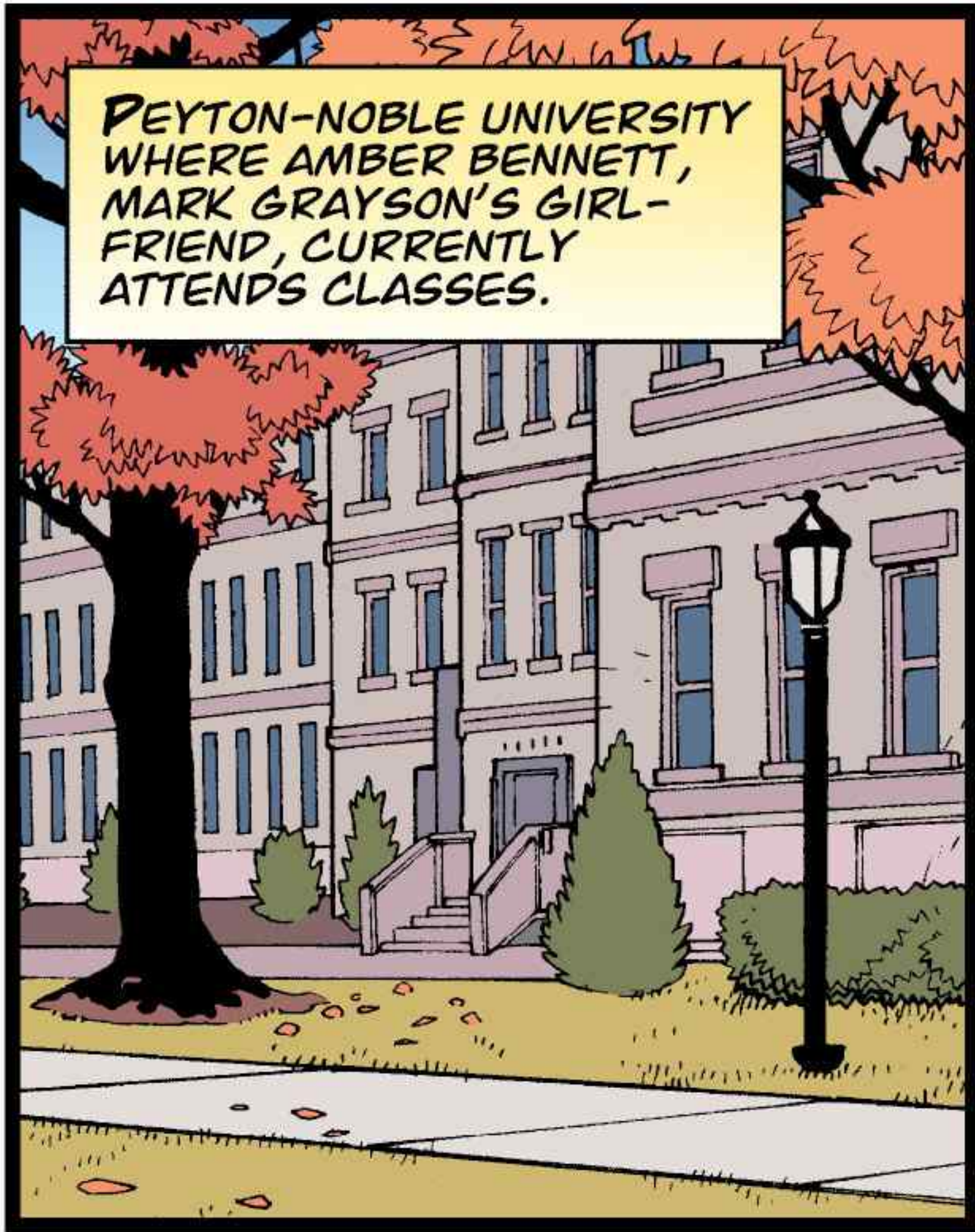
BUT I'D
LIKE **YOU** TO
CALL ME BY
MY NAME
FROM NOW
ON.

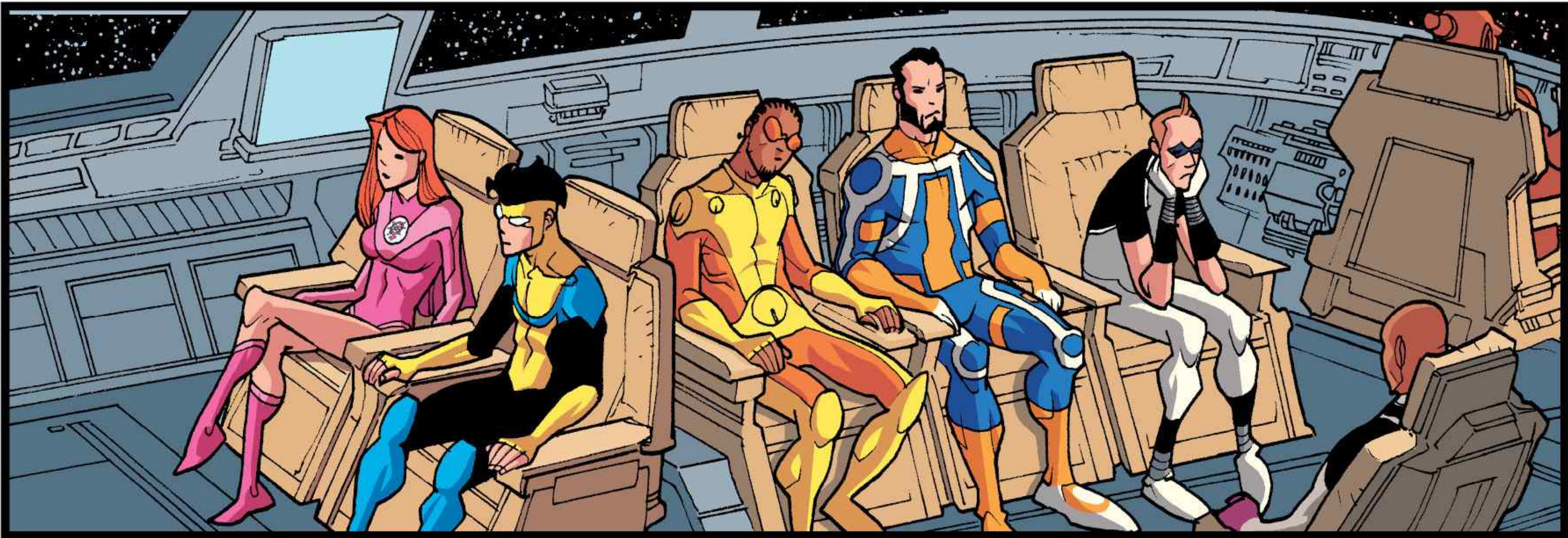
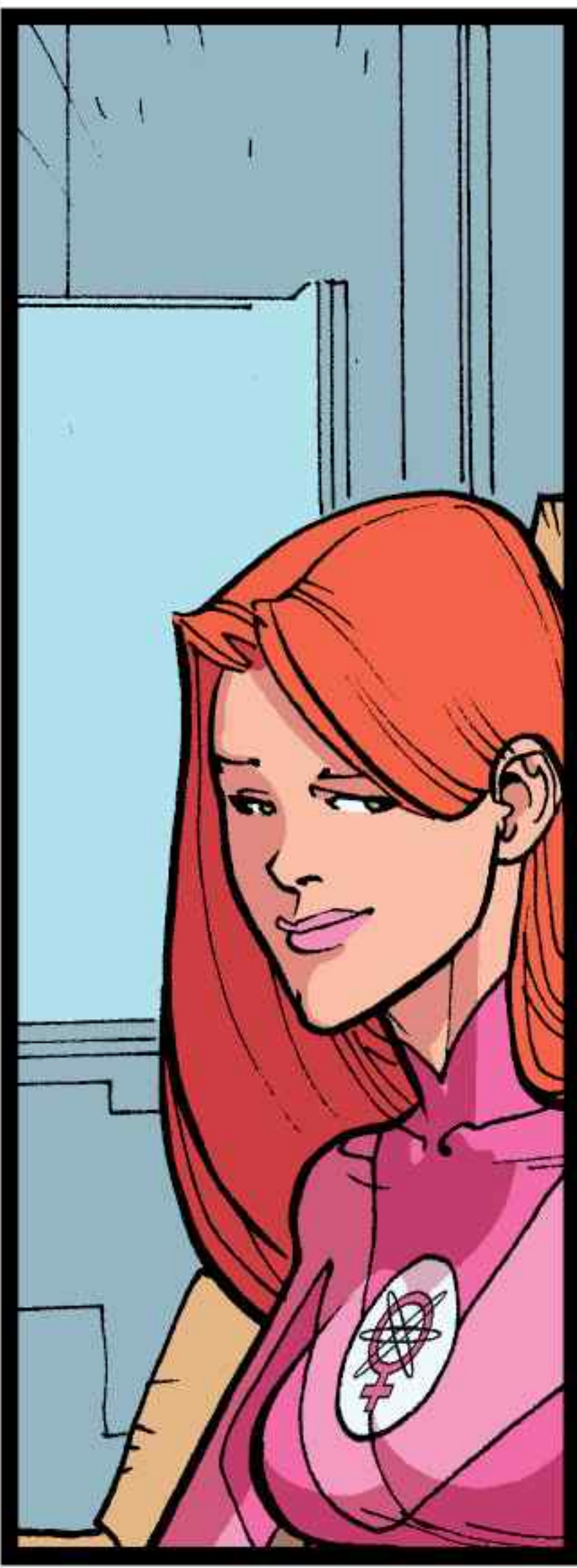
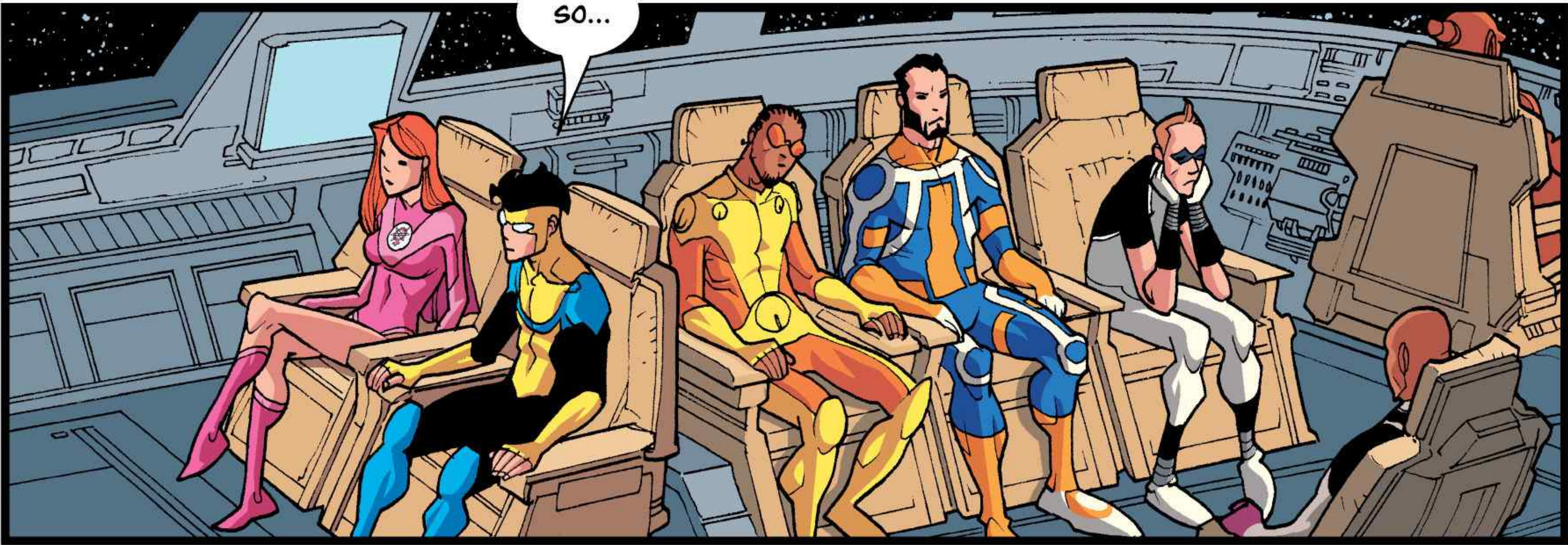
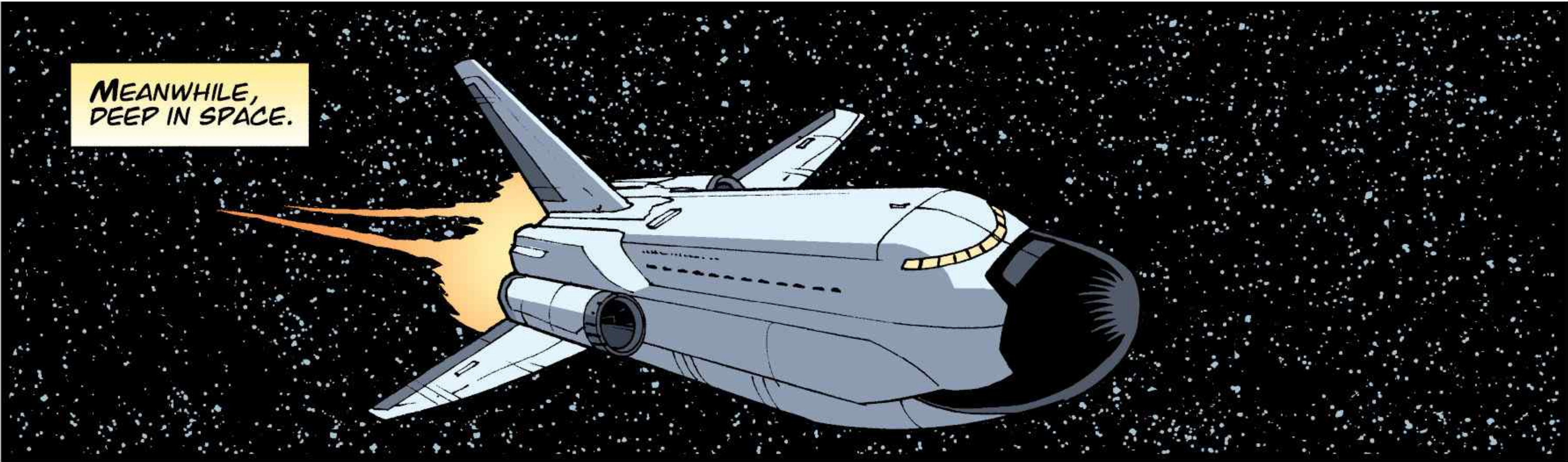


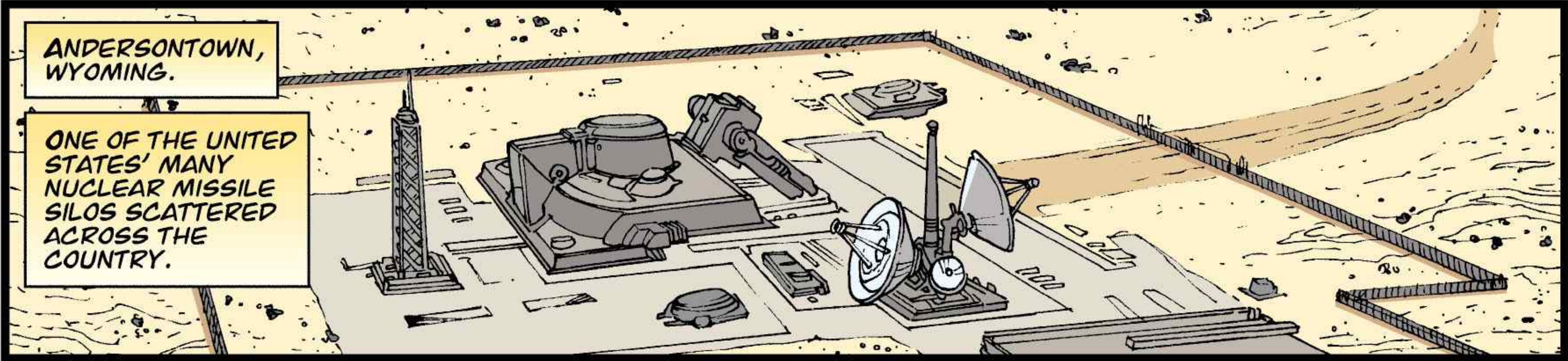
"**RUDY
ROBOT?**"



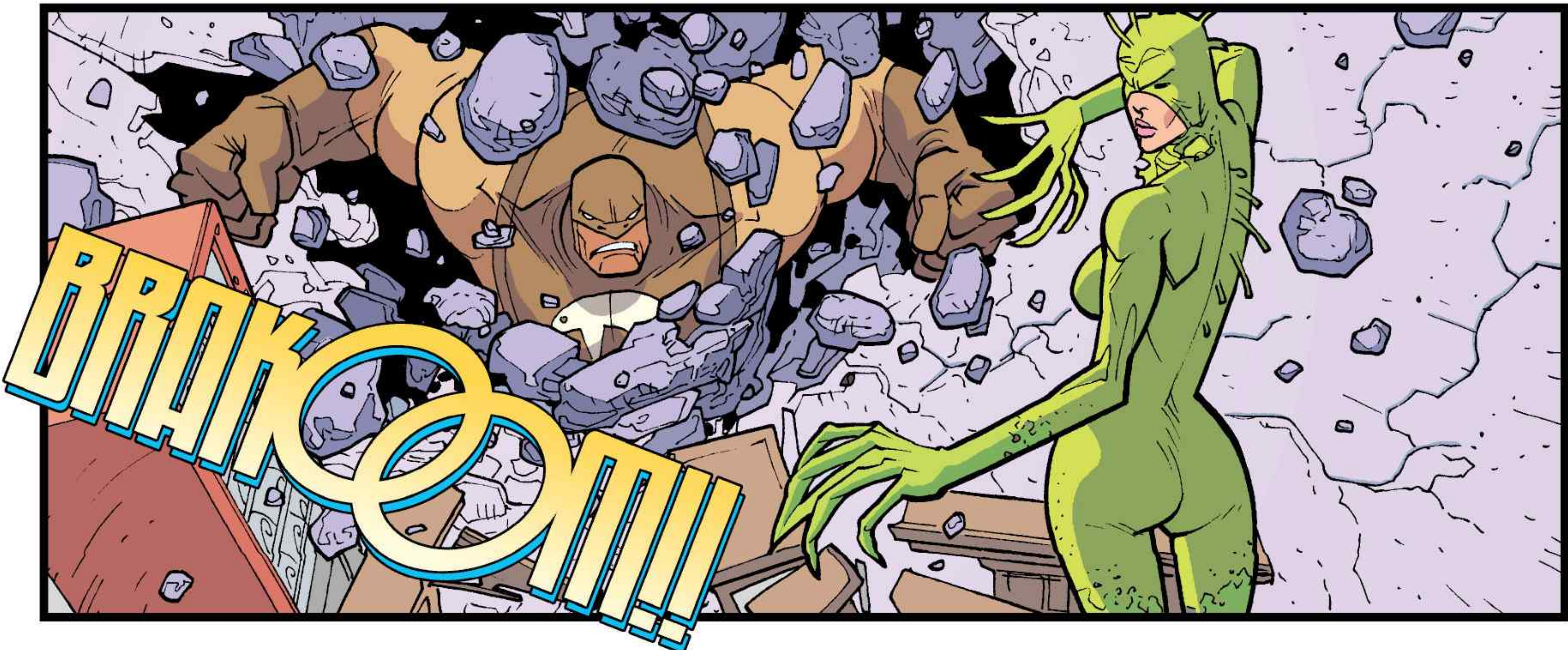
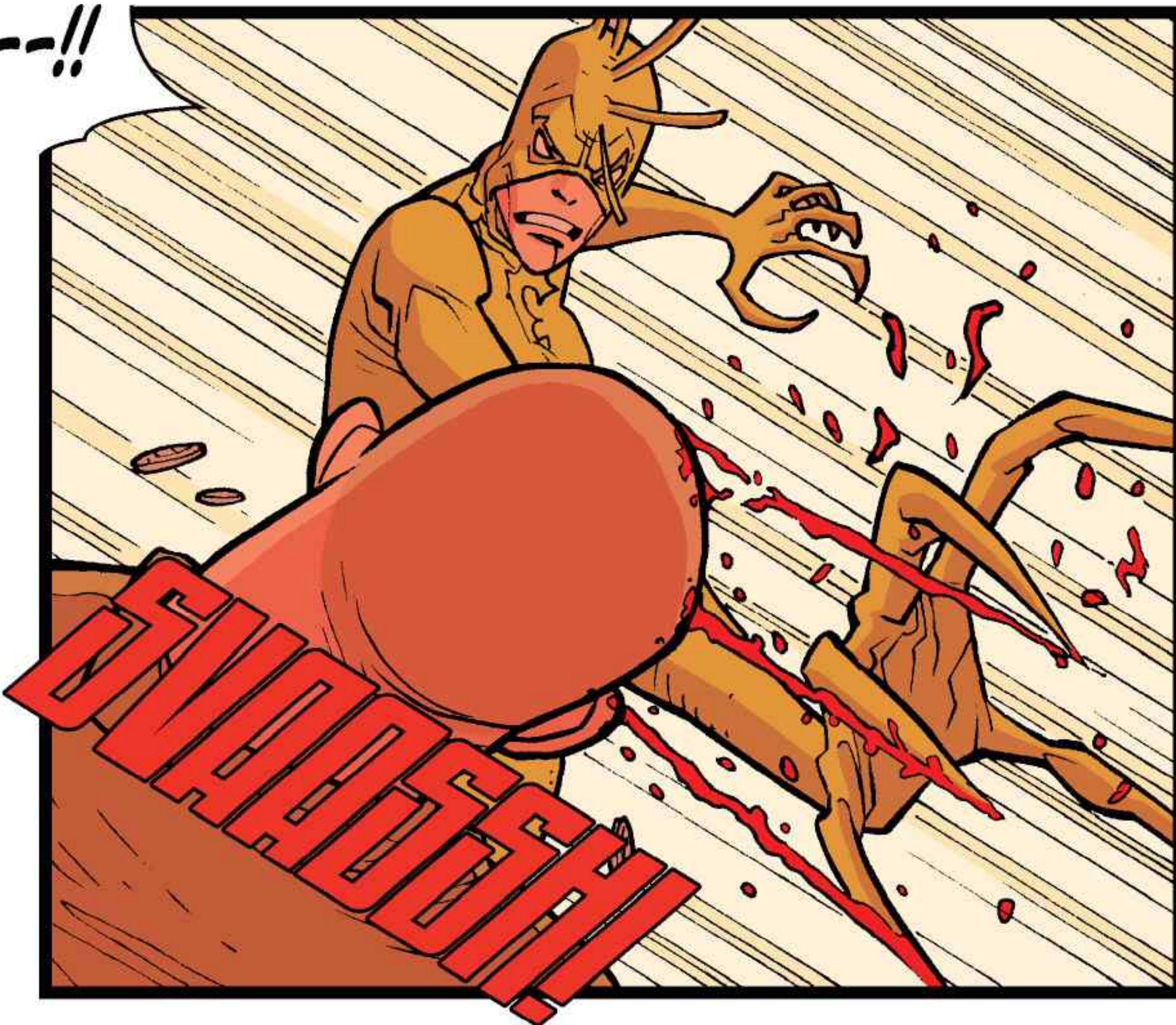
**JUST
RUDY.**

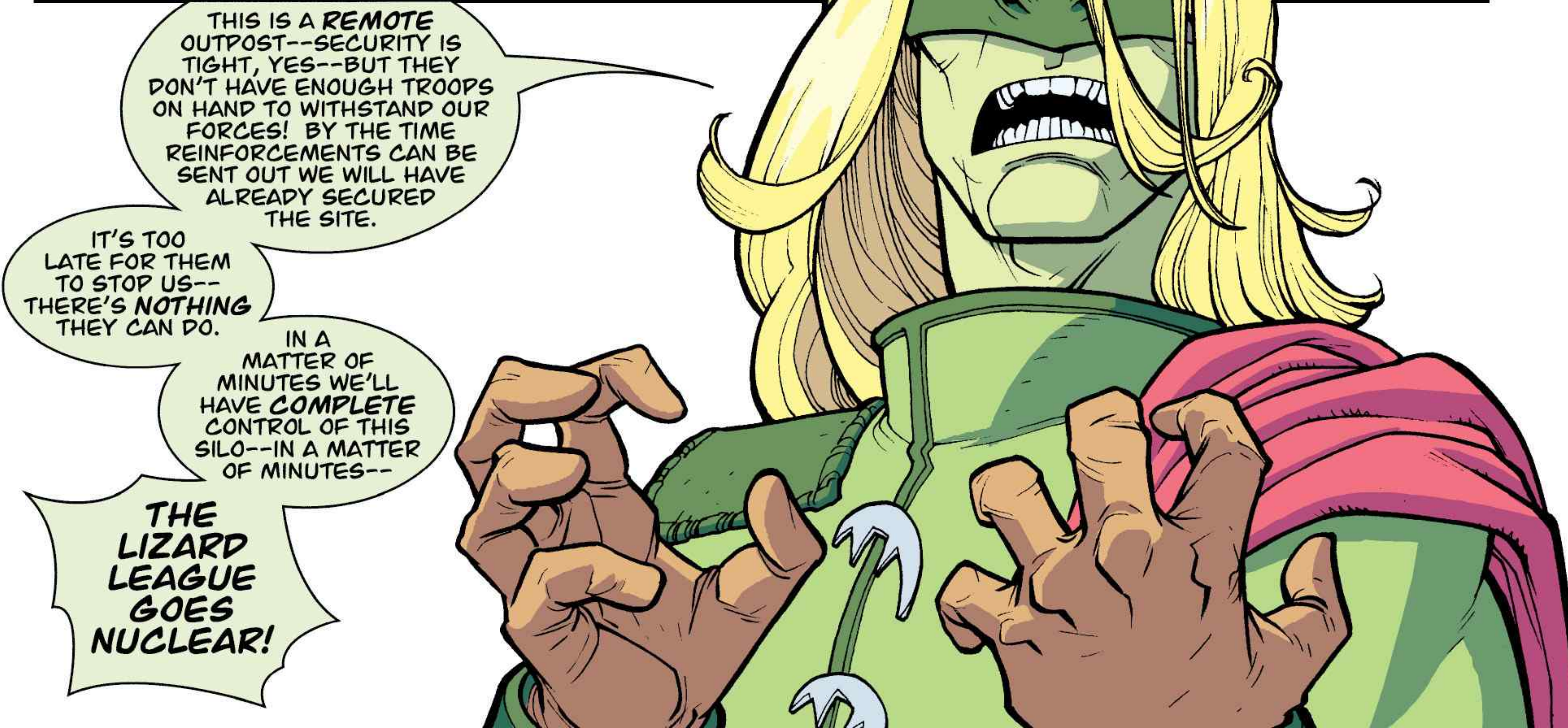


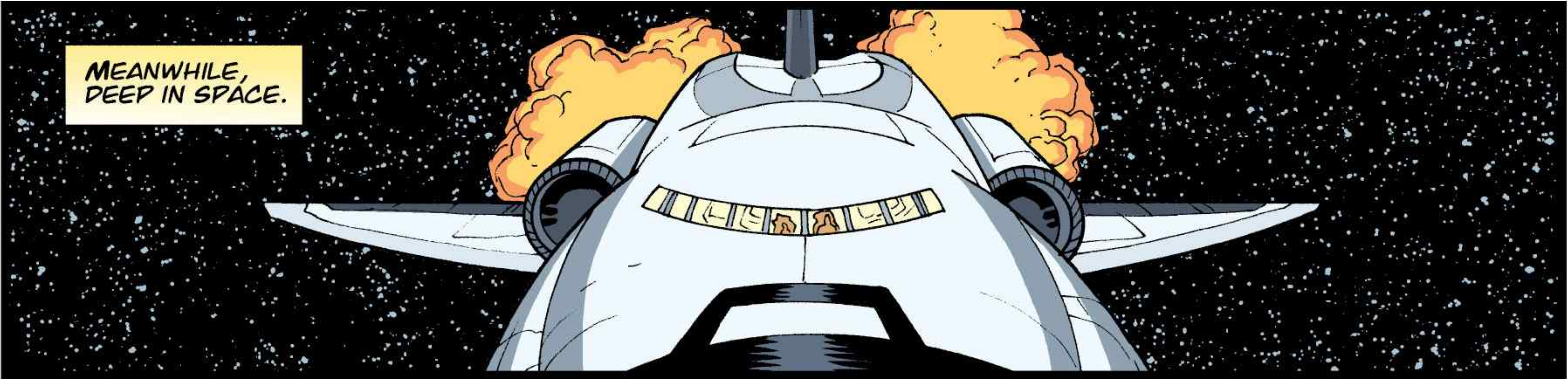




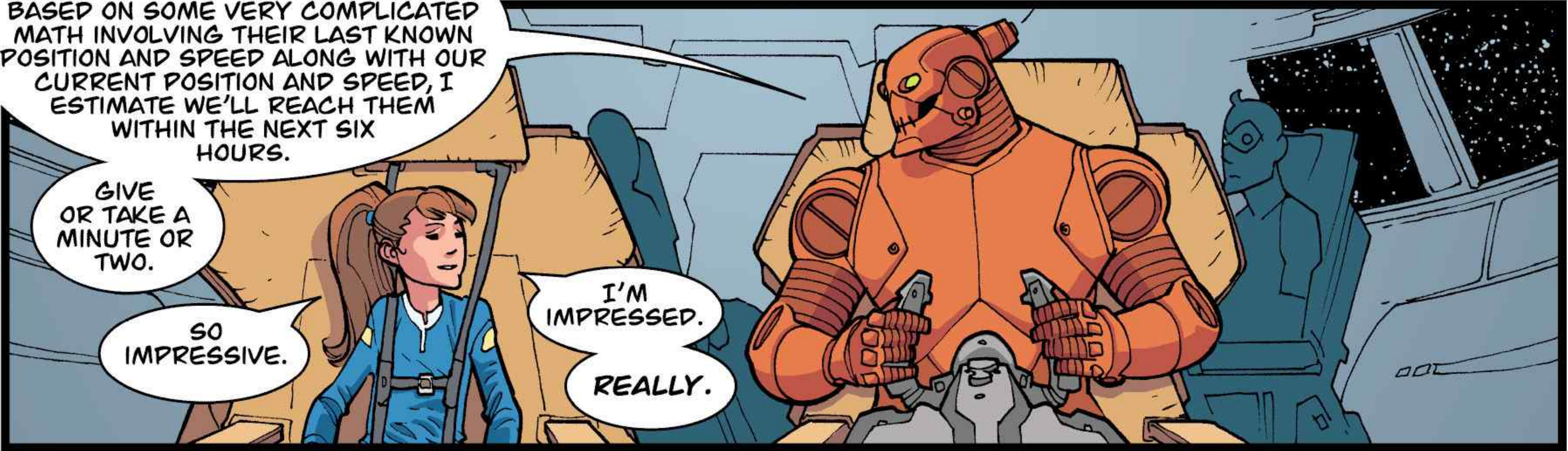
OH, GOD--!!







MEANWHILE,
DEEP IN SPACE.



BASED ON SOME VERY COMPLICATED MATH INVOLVING THEIR LAST KNOWN POSITION AND SPEED ALONG WITH OUR CURRENT POSITION AND SPEED, I ESTIMATE WE'LL REACH THEM WITHIN THE NEXT SIX HOURS.

GIVE OR TAKE A MINUTE OR TWO.

SO IMPRESSIVE.

I'M IMPRESSED.
REALLY.



SHAPESMITH--WHAT KIND OF RESISTANCE CAN WE EXPECT? WHAT ARE THE WEAPONS CAPABILITIES OF YOUR PEOPLE? ASSUMING THEY'RE WORKING WITH THE SEQUIDS NOW. AND WHAT ARE THE SEQUIDS' ABILITIES?

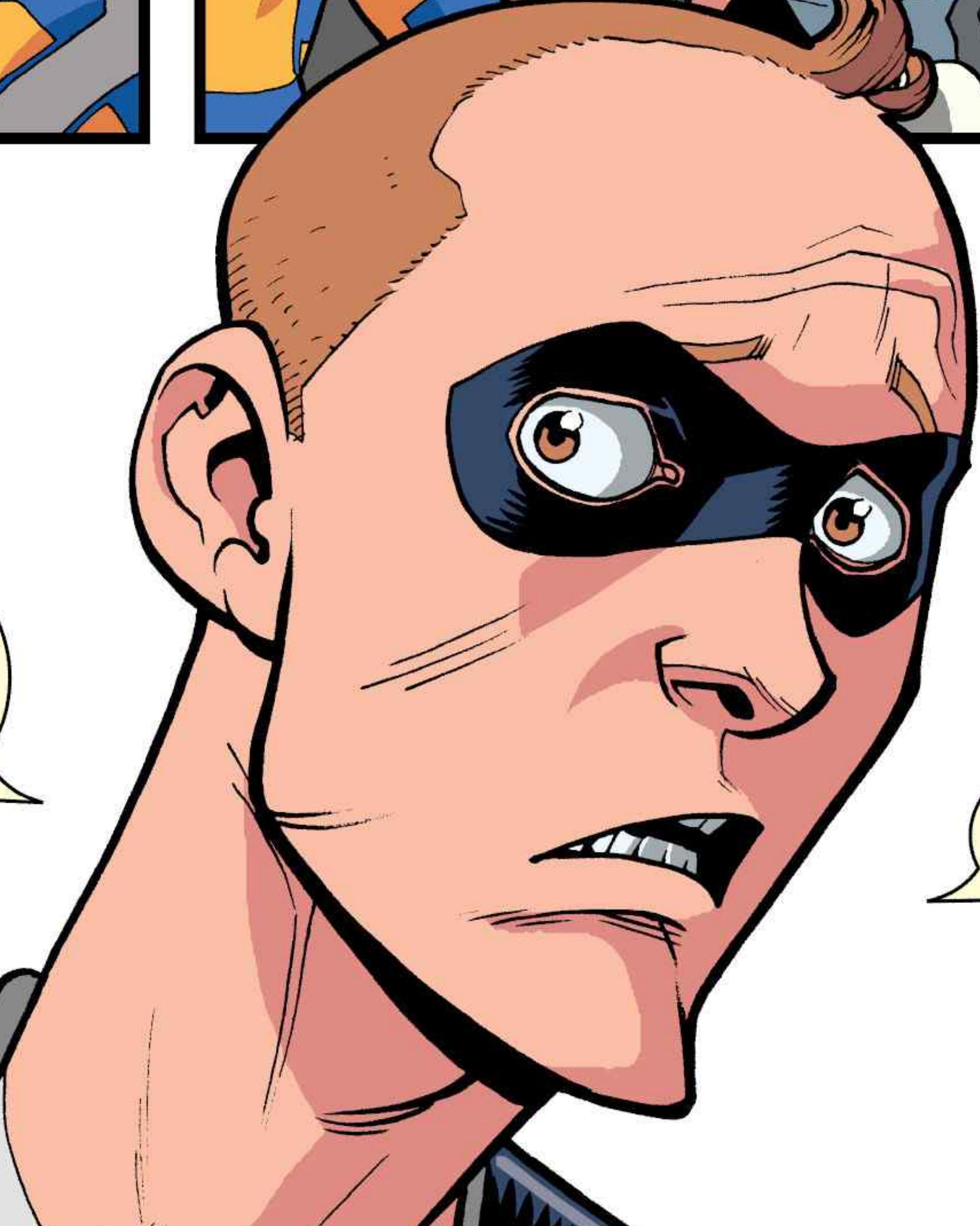
I'M NOT REALLY SURE. ASIDE FROM MIND CONTROL AND THEIR PSYCHIC LINK TO EACH OTHER-- I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY CAN DO. THEY'RE STRONG FOR THEIR SIZE--MY PEOPLE HAD THEM DOING ALL KINDS OF HARD LABOR.

IF THEY'RE IN A WARSHIP--WHICH IS THE ONLY THING AS BIG AS THE VESSEL YOU'VE DETECTED IN THE MARTIAN FLEET--AT LEAST SOME MARTIANS HAVE TO BE WORKING WITH THEM. THEY WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO OPERATE IT ON THEIR OWN.

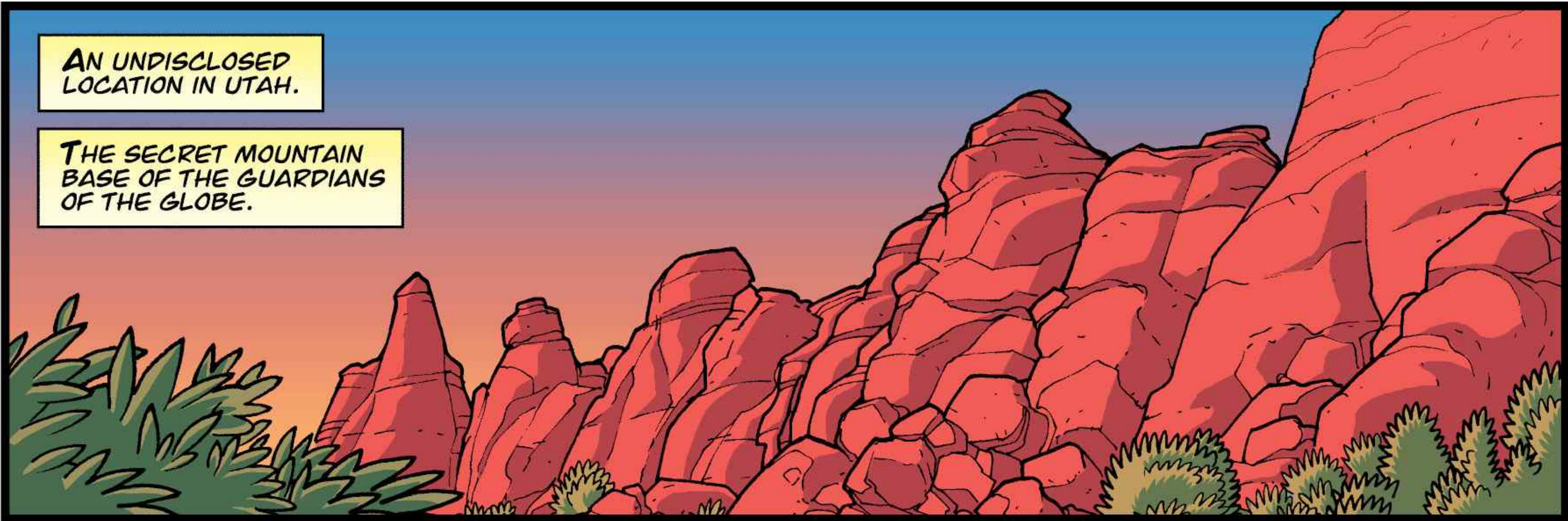


THEY'D HAVE TO HAVE SOME KIND OF PHYSICAL ABILITIES IN ORDER TO FORCE MARTIAN SOLDIERS TO WORK WITH THEM. THEY WOULDN'T JUST SURRENDER TO SEQUID CONTROL.

THOSE WARSHIPS ARE PACKED WITH ALL KINDS OF WEAPONS-- THEY'RE BAD NEWS. ONCE WE'RE IN THEIR SENSOR RANGE THEY'LL KNOW WE'RE COMING.



THIS ISN'T GOING TO BE EASY.



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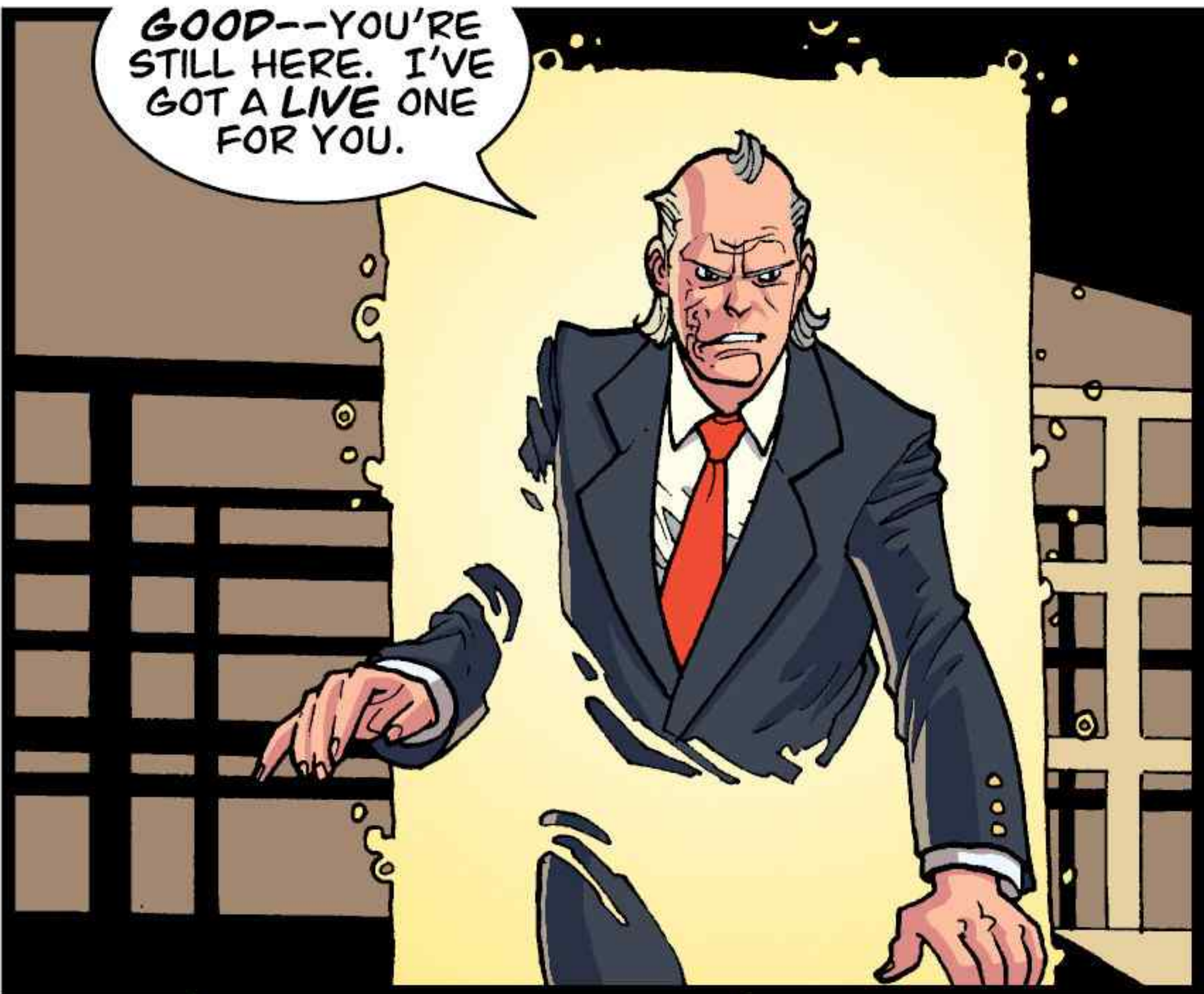
GETTING-- LONELY?

NO-- NOT IN THE LEAST.

WELL, IF IT HAPPENS-- WHEN IT HAPPENS, LET ME KNOW. I CAN MAKE THE LONELINESS GO AWAY.

IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN.

HEH.



GOOD--YOU'RE STILL HERE. I'VE GOT A LIVE ONE FOR YOU.



WHAT IS IT? WHAT'S GOING ON?

THE LIZARD LEAGUE HAS TAKEN OVER A MISSILE SILO IN WYOMING--THEY'VE GOT THEIR FINGER ON THE BUTTON. WE DON'T YET KNOW WHAT THEIR TARGET IS BUT EVERY MAJOR CITY ON THE PLANET IS AT RISK.

THE BEST PART IS THAT THIS MISSILE WILL HAVE U, S AND A WRITTEN ALL OVER IT. THEY HIT THE RIGHT PLACE AND THEY TRIGGER WORLD WAR THREE.

WHICH MEANS EVEN IF YOUR TEAMMATES SUCCEED IN STOPPING THE SEQUID INVASION, IF THEY ARE ABLE TO STOP THEM--

THEY MAY NOT HAVE A PLANET TO RETURN HOME TO.



